



December 14, 2006

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Re: Docket No. D2006.6.82

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Commission the Statement on Pre-Filed Testimony of the Montana Large Customer Group in the captioned docket.

This Statement is being mailed to the parties identified on the Certificate of Service enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 252-2166.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures
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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA**

IN THE MATTER OF the Joint Application of)	UTILITY DIVISION
NorthWestern Corporation and Babcock &)	
Brown Infrastructure Limited, BBI US)	Docket No. D2006.6.82
Holdings Pty Ltd., BBI US Holdings II Corp.,)	
and BBI Glacier Corp. for Approval of the Sale)	
and Transfer of NorthWestern Corporation)	
Pursuant to a Merger Agreement)	

**STATEMENT ON PRE-FILED TESTIMONY
OF THE
MONTANA LARGE CUSTOMER GROUP**

The Montana Large Customer Group¹ (LCG) has been granted general intervention status in the present matter. The Commission has set December 15, 2006, as the date for initial pre-filed testimony from intervenors. The LCG respectfully advises the Commission and other parties by this Statement that it will not submit initial pre-filed expert or policy testimony, but reserves all rights of subsequent participation in the case, as further set forth below.

1. The LCG waives its right to submit initial pre-filed intervenor testimony at this time.

2. The LCG reserves all other rights of general intervention in the present matter, including without limitation its right to: receive all pleadings and discovery

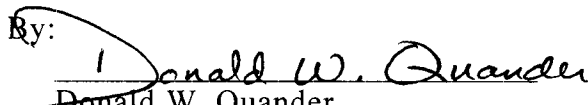
¹ The Large Customer Group or "LCG" is an informal coalition of industrial energy customers which, among other activities, participate selectively in proceedings of the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission" or "MPSC") that may affect electric or natural gas prices and service within Montana. For purposes of the present matter, the participating customers are Ash Grove Cement West, ConocoPhillips, Holcim (US) Inc., Montana Refining Company, REC Advanced Silicon Materials LLC, Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation, and Stillwater Mining Company.

(subject to appropriate protective orders); respond to pre-filed testimony of other intervenors; file testimony on additional issues identified by PSC staff; participate in hearings, including the right of cross examination; respond to motions and legal briefs filed during the course of the proceeding; and file post-hearing arguments.

3. The LCG additionally reserves all rights to file for interim or final relief from orders entered in this matter with respect to issues raised by the Commission or any party, whether or not introduced at this time by the LCG.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of December, 2006.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused copies of the Statement on Pre-Filed
Testimony of the Montana Large Customer Group to be served by first class mail,
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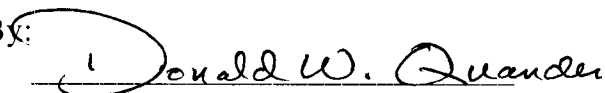
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